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## 1960 POPULATION OF VOTING AGE AND VOTES CAST FOR PRESIDENT, 1964 AND 1960, FOR STATES AND COUNTIES

This report brings together for States and counties the available data on the 1960 population of voting age, and on votes cast in the 1960 and 1964 Presidential elections. Table 1 shows State data; figures for counties are given in table 2. Estimates of the population of voting age for November 1964 are shown for States only; corresponding data for counties are not available. Both tables show figures on the nonwhite population of voting age in each area, as of April 1960.

The voting age population relates to those 21 years old and over in all States except as follows: 18 years old and over for Georgia and Kentucky; 19 years old and over for Alaska; and 20 years old and over for Hawaii. They include members of the Armed Forces of voting age stationed in each area. Counties (and independent cities) which contained more than 1,000 resident military personnel in April 1960 (based on the 1960 Census) are indicated by an asterisk (\*).

Except as noted, all areas are as defined in April 1960. For Alaska, the data relate to election districts established as of December 1961. In Virginia, a number of areas were created after 1960. Here, too, the data relate to the newly defined areas. The specific areas involved and their definitions are shown in appropriate footnotes in table 2.

The percent of the population of voting age casting votes for President in 1960 was derived by dividing the number of votes cast in November 1960 by the population of voting age

in April 1960. Because of the time differential between the census date and the date of the election, it is possible for the number of votes cast in November 1960 to exceed the population of voting age reported in April 1960, thus resulting in a rate in excess of 100 percent. This situation occurs in about 10 small counties out of the more than 3,000 areas shown in table 2.

Furthermore, in order to maintain comparability with the county data, the percent casting votes for President in 1960 for States shown in table 1 was also computed using the April 1960 voting-age population as a base. These percentages, therefore, differ slightly from those previously published by the Bureau of the Census in release No. CB64-93, issued September 8, 1964. The 1960 State percentages in the latter report are based on estimates of voting age population as of November 1964.

Figures on the number of votes cast for President are those compiled by the Governmental Affairs Institute, Washington, D.C., from official State sources. The 1960 figures on the voting-age population, for States and counties, are from the 1960 Census of Population. The 1964 figures on the population of voting age of States relate to November 1, and are estimates derived by the Bureau of the Census. They are consistent with the estimates of the population of States, by age, for July 1, 1964, published in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 294.

